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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Notice of Disqualification

1. This is to notify you that I have financial interests in the following organizations because I intend to discuss possible employment with them:

Blackwater USA

2. Pursuant to law (18 U.S.C. § 208) and the "Standards of Ethical Conduct" (5 C.F.R. §§ 2635.402(c), .502(a), and .604), I am disqualified from participating in any official matter that will have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the above-listed organization, or to representations by or about the organization. This means that I cannot act directly or through others in deciding, approving, or disapproving such official matters; nor may I recommend, investigate, advise, or otherwise contribute to or influence such official matters.

3. Accordingly, any official matter that may conflict with the above-listed financial interests must be handled without my knowledge or participation. If such official matter would otherwise have required my personal decision, approval, or disapproval, the matter should be referred to the First Assistant.



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